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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Exports by Air

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers.	[2]27,886	(X)	8,845	5,061	7,945	1,212	303	327	[2]140,151	(X)	21,822	11,855	53,723	10,771	2,894	1,670
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[2]10,936	3,921	1,282	2,986	713	93	132	(X)	[2]52,433	9,228	3,628	19,629	5,707	1,128	775
Massachusetts.....	345	182	69	-	220	27	-	1	2,566	1,017	244	-	1,732	552	-	10
Rochester.....	12	12	11	-	-	-	-	-	38	38	37	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	39	39	34	-	-	-	-	-	213	213	203	-	-	-	-	-
New York.....	10,626	4,117	1,475	797	6,516	585	55	275	61,402	24,175	6,593	3,085	43,506	4,906	416	1,428
Philadelphia.....	81	65	13	-	61	1	-	3	159	76	5	-	124	4	-	23
Maryland.....	39	32	1	-	29	1	(Z)	(Z)	313	209	1	-	304	3	(Z)	1
Virginia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida.....	9,508	3,229	4,732	4,099	14	1	1	(Z)	16,294	5,232	7,230	8,297	103	6	13	4
New Orleans.....	413	102	340	28	1	-	-	-	855	225	666	130	10	-	-	-
Galveston.....	410	282	241	41	60	21	(Z)	17	1,385	898	602	24	477	126	4	104
Laredo.....	69	61	66	1	-	-	-	-	190	163	182	3	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	429	256	102	16	140	79	45	1	3,565	1,783	390	101	1,790	918	262	9
San Francisco.....	872	377	17	26	140	419	166	1	7,006	2,083	88	166	1,242	3,915	1,397	8
Washington.....	171	140	114	-	2	13	2	-	536	414	339	-	31	39	57	-
Alaska.....	6	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	20	14	7	-	2	9	-	-
Hawaii.....	63	28	-	-	(Z)	14	12	(Z)	125	91	-	-	2	53	53	1
Montana and Idaho.....	23	23	17	-	-	-	-	-	120	120	110	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	72	72	51	-	-	-	-	-	231	231	195	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	30	29	7	-	-	-	22	-	725	724	35	-	-	-	688	-
Michigan.....	176	122	13	-	148	(Z)	(Z)	4	542	323	35	-	482	6	3	8
Chicago.....	1,767	434	920	1	595	47	(Z)	19	7,908	2,506	3,731	3	3,633	223	1	70
Ohio.....	200	5	142	-	-	-	-	-	716	10	625	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	504	361	424	47	2	-	-	-	408	246	328	39	7	-	-	-
All other Customs Districts.....	91	72	56	5	16	2	-	6	488	429	178	7	278	11	-	5
Special Category[3].....	1,941	889	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,347	11,215	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers.	13,932	(X)	2,154	1,040	8,171	2,510	19	38	90,326	(X)	7,814	2,674	64,543	11,733	306	996
U.S. Flag carriers..	(X)	7,100	969	247	4,172	1,689	5	17	(X)	40,318	3,375	687	27,417	8,476	59	304
Massachusetts.....	140	96	7	-	128	5	-	(Z)	845	617	155	-	607	33	-	(Z)
Rochester.....	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	31	14	14	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	27	27	20	-	8	(Z)	-	(Z)	354	329	310	-	19	1	-	15
New York.....	8,366	4,352	134	101	7,335	759	5	33	67,888	28,107	2,325	1,045	58,317	3,958	168	941
Philadelphia.....	38	7	-	-	38	(Z)	-	-	423	113	-	-	379	2	-	-
Maryland.....	40	28	(Z)	-	37	3	-	(Z)	379	150	2	-	325	4	-	(Z)
Virginia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida.....	2,176	614	1,281	872	10	13	-	(Z)	3,329	1,513	1,370	1,483	352	23	-	1
New Orleans.....	176	121	172	(Z)	4	-	-	-	81	54	46	1	25	-	-	-
Galveston.....	27	17	21	3	2	(Z)	-	(Z)	202	67	62	30	49	2	-	8
Laredo.....	110	106	110	-	(Z)	-	-	-	54	33	38	-	1	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	965	416	19	9	142	791	3	1	4,299	2,008	129	67	1,420	2,469	41	1
San Francisco.....	637	514	2	9	62	550	12	2	3,729	3,084	17	11	613	2,870	77	12
Washington.....	208	202	9	-	90	109	-	-	1,715	1,610	359	-	38	1,264	-	-
Alaska.....	9	8	-	-	(Z)	8	-	-	205	198	-	-	5	198	-	-
Hawaii.....	65	4	5	-	1	59	(Z)	-	239	42	4	-	1	183	21	-
Montana and Idaho.....	2	2	2	-	(Z)	-	-	-	22	20	19	-	1	-	-	-
Dakota.....	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	13	11	12	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan.....	75	62	1	-	73	1	-	1	379	292	11	-	324	1	-	3
Chicago.....	510	303	88	(Z)	222	199	-	1	5,566	1,868	2,736	(Z)	1,964	697	-	13
Ohio.....	11	-	8	-	3	-	-	-	161	-	68	-	49	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	334	209	268	46	12	7	-	(Z)	242	133	128	27	29	12	-	(Z)
All other Customs Districts.....	12	8	4	1	2	5	-	-	160	54	11	10	26	16	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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